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THE FIRST REPUBLICAN RALLY.
HARTFORD, March 26.—The first Republican rally of the campaign took place in Allen Hall, on Saturday evening, and was the best meeting held here for years. The hall was packed and the enthusiasm unbounded. Speeches were made by Gen. Nye and Gen. Hawley. The Selectmen in the different towns called their labors on Saturday in the admission of voters, excepting those whose qualifications mature this week. The Republicans are far ahead all over the State.

Hartford City of over 500 voters admitted 800 Republicans. In New Britain the Republicans gain certainly 120. New Haven gains handsomely also. The Democrats do not like the appearance of things, and are hanging in their heels.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.—LETTER FROM SENATOR BUCKINGHAM TO THE REPUBLICAN PROSPECT COMMITTEE.
To the Editor of the Tribune.

Sir: Only one week more and the campaign in Connecticut for public offices has begun. But there has, nevertheless, been a great deal of active, earnest work done by both parties, and if the weather is as usual on Monday, April 3, the vote of the State will be very large. Concerning the prospects of Republican success, my opinions have not changed since I wrote you encouragingly some weeks ago. I do not think the result of the New-Hampshire election has had any seriously depressing effect.

It was made by very prominent men of the Democratic party, and was treated in a very fair and candid manner. In fact, the Democratic press was overdone, and the leaders soon saw it, and we had them day by day urging voters not to feel sure of success here because it was won in the Granite State. The Republicans, as a general thing, gathered round stimulus to extra exertion on the day of the defeat, and very many dormant sections have been aroused to enthusiasm by it. As the State looks day, I can close this campaign correspondence in the most forth that the Democracy are too greatly disappointed with the result. They have resorted to all sorts of tricks to make the public believe that they are in the wrong, and that the Republicans are in the right. If they had acted contented and accepted of moderate victory on the State ticket, many reasonable people would have thought that some evidence of strength justifying confident predictions; but, instead of this, they have gone wild in proclaiming probable victories in the whole four Congress districts, and even a series of lively chances of securing control of both branches of the General Assembly. In such extravagance their leaders have occupied a ridiculous position. The fact is that the Republican canvass of the State district is exceedingly satisfactory.

It is a very good thing, and it is always the case, that a victory which has appeared to be prior to the preceding elections. In New-Haven County there will be gains which the Democratic leaders do not anticipate. New London County, in which the supporters of English are expected to see a serious falling off in the Republican vote, will give a handsome account of itself. Hartford County will do better than last year. Dividing the State into Congress districts, I can give you the following statement, which, I am sure, will hit the result of the election, so far as its estimates in figures are concerned:

First District.—Congressman Strong (Rep.) will be elected by a majority of not less than 300. He will lose possibly 200 votes in Pollard County, comparing with his vote, which was a remarkable one, of two years ago; but will gain enough to more than overcome that loss and considerably increase the Republican majority in the district, on the State ticket, last year.

Second District.—This district elects a Democrat by a majority of 200 votes. Gen. Knapp, who was elected two years ago, owing to a bolt in the Democratic Nominating Convention, and a serious break at the polls. While I cannot see the chances of the Democratic candidate to be fair, they ought to be more than that, yet, if Killogh is defeated it will be by a majority so reduced that a victory will be far behind his ticket. The Republicans of this district are making a gallant fight, and are joined by many Democrats.

Third District.—Mr. Starkweather (Rep.) will be returned to Congress by from 1,000 to 2,000 majority. The dissection in Wallingford County will run him against a solid vote, but there isn't the slightest chance of his reelection.

Fourth District.—Mr. Barnum (Dem.) is spending his money freely, and is determined to buy his way through to Washington again. His opponent, Mr. Collins, will not go to dishonored means to secure an election, and in conducting an honest campaign, will have the support of the best men in both parties, and will poll a large vote. Of course Mr. Barnum has the inside track.

At the very best, the Democrats can have three Congressmen; up to two years ago they had three. The 10th District will be reduced to 100, and the 11th District will be reduced to 200. You can see by the total of what they are able to do this spring that the bluster they have already made to do them no good, but rather operate the other way. I think the Republicans will have a majority in the State Senate, which is composed of only 51 members, and a majority of at least 15 in the House. The people are seeing the folly of electing a Democratic Governor to embarrass a Republican Legislature. It is an expensive luxury, and is a discreditable showing of the expense of legislation during the last year.

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